Highest temperature yesterday, 73; lowest, 62.

Detailed weather reports on last page.

FRENCH SMASH ENEMY LINE ON 9 MILE FRONT; LASSIGNY ENTERED; BRITISH TAKE MERVILLE; ROYE NEAR CAPTURE; RETREAT IS IMMINENT

VICTORY SURE WITH 3,600,000 U.S. MEN IN 1919

"With 80 Divisions We Can Go Through German Line." He Asserts.

CANNOT DEFER 18 AGE

Baker Would Call 19-36 First, 36-45 Next and Youngest Class Last.

ALL TO BE READY IN JUNE

Senate Will Begin Work on Man Power Bill Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. - By using very available man between the ages of 18 and 45 years the United States will have eighty divisions facing the Germans on the western front by June of next year and will be sufficiently overful to force a victorious end of - war before the close of next year. This la substance was the information given to-day to the House Military Committee by Secretary Baker and Gen. March, Chief of Staff.

Eighty divisions would mean the use of 3,600,000 men. Carrying out the stupendous man power programme of the nation will leave no chance of youths of 18 to 19 years being placed in any sort of deterred classification. Gen. March made this clear, declaring that every man in Cass 1 registered under the enlarged draft ages will be needed "by next

spring anyhow." He explained that intensive training of at least four months is necessary before men can be shipped abroad, and the programme of placing eighty divi- PENISTONE SKIPPER sions in France and leaving eighteen here by the middle of next year makes it impossible to defer calling the

Baker Not ha Explicit.

The committee was satisfied with Gen. | istone. The committee was satisfied with this March's statement, though, that this for his adventures. He was seized by would mean only a few weeks respite would mean only a few weeks respite the German commander when he tried to return to his sinking vessel for the secretive visits ashore and strewed secretive visits ashore and strewed for the 18-19 years old class. He had better told the committee that it had better ship's papers.

The San Jose was sunk August mines. Most of the mines have probably set rid of the idea that the men 18 to set rid of the idea that the men 18 to set rid of the idea that the men 18 to set rid of the idea that the men 18 to set rid of the idea that the mines have probably set of the submarrine six days.

Classification for any length of time. Prisoner on the submarrine six days.

Classification for any length of time. Was put into one of the San Jose's small.

Kellogg off Barnegat, N. J. last week. The men must expect to be called four boats, which was picked up later by a Incidentally the tanker Pratt, recently when it will be necessary to have the American forces so strong as to make American forces so strong as to make American forces so strong as to make victory certain."

Any question of serious opposition to the man power bill was effectually squelched when in answer to questions members of the committee Gen. and 31 years of age would have to be ence in open boats.

the man power bill. He was under-

Before the Senate Military Committee | mander of the U-boat shook hands Mr Baker declared that inclusion of the him, wished him luck and handed him work or fight" amendment proposed a bottle of brandy, telling him he might Senator Thomas (Col.) and amended need it in the cold. by Senator Thomas (Col.) and amended Capt. Evans and the San Jose's men Capt. Evans and the San Jose's men were in the open boats twenty-six hours. When a steamship appeared on the hori-

etently that marriage of men between automatic bar to inclusion in class 1. make "more automatic strip the ship of all provisions. A bomb was placed in the forward hold and the ship was blown up.

lissification of married men who were Continued on Fourth Page.

Daring Airman's Glove Stops Gasolene Leak

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 19.—A remarkable story of adventure in the air during a fight came to light to-day. The observer of a two seater machine climbed out on the wing and stopped with his giove a puncture made in the gasolene tank by an anti-aircraft

The machine side slipped durng the operation, but the oberver remained out on the wing until the ground was almost reached. Then he climbed back into the machine, which landed safely.

U-BOAT IS SUNK OFF NANTUCKET

Battle Makes Clean Hits and Is Struck Twice.

27 SHOTS FIRED BY HER

Submarine Bursts Into Flames and Few Minutes Later Goes Down.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19. - A German ubmarine was sunk in a running battle with a British tank steamer last Friday about 200 miles northeast of Nantucket, according to members of the tanker's from Mexico. Twenty-seven shots were fired by the tank ship, one or more of which her master declared scored clean hits, as fiames were seen bursting from the port side of the submarine, which

ie mid sank a few minutes later. of the tanker, who said he immediately

Was Sunk Reach Boston.

of the British steamship Penistone, who wire on an automobile. as explicit, though, and said that Gen.

Crowder was working on a plan whereby these boys would be called week, was landed here late to-day. week, was landed here late to-day.

With Capt Evans were thirty-one members of the crew of the Norwegian off the coast in this raid, but one or two steamship San Jose, also a victim of the same submarine that destroyed the Pen- The accomplishments of the subma-

also been saved and landed at an Atlan-

The Penistone was sent down 100 engineer was killed and four firemen were wounded by the explosion of the torpedo in her engine room. The

Prior to the sinking of the San Jose, stood to have said plainly that marriage which occurred eighty miles off the Atlantic coast on Saturday morning, Capt. ion in Class 1 under the new registra- Evans was given his choice of returntoo and also to have indicated clearly in the submarine to Germany as a prisoner of the submarine to Germany as a prisoner of war or of going with the crew of the San Jose in the open boats. The Captain chose the latter. As he To-day he gave different impres- was leaving the submarine, members of

When a steamship appeared on the horiduction into the army, would be
lety unfortunate." To-day he gave
the House Military Committee the clear
impression that he did not object to the
amendment.

Regarding the question of marriages
the committee understood Mr. Baker
loades to take a different position from
the one he adouted when he announced
the one he adouted when he announced he one he adopted when he announced members of the crew said that the evently that marriage of men between U-boat suddenly appeared ahead and As the steamship slowed down an armed guard put off from the submarine. Or-dering all those on the San Jose into the small boats the guards proceeded to

CUT BY U-BOAT: CREW GO ASHORE

Officer of German Submarine Seen Here by Survivor of Sunken Schooner.

TWO WITNESSES PROVE IT

Secret Visits at Night to Enemy Agents on Coast Are Suspected.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 .- The secreive, petty form of warfare which the German U-boats are conducting off our British Tanker in Running coast has brought new developments which contribute to the sum total of annoyances caused to the Government by the presence of these craft, but have and will have no effect whatever on the course of the war,

THE SUN correspondent learned today that one of the German submaines has cut one of the cables, and that there are indications that members of a U-boat crew have secretly come ashore, presumably in search of information.

One report, which has two witnesses to substantiate it. is that a German officer from a submarine succeeded in making his way to New York and was recognized there in a drinking resort by recently sunk by the submarine. The crew. The oil ship arrived here to-night officer made his escape when he saw that

frequently by using collapsible boats When first sighted the U-boat was after the submarine sets close to shore has been given our that the labor shortwo miles away, according to the captein at some unfrequented place at night Search for information would probably opened fire. Two shots from the sub- be the chief object. There is a possi-mersible struck the British ship, one of bility of course that these men come bility of course that these men come industries must close for the remainder them passing through the botter room into contact or into communication with of the waand the other through a tank. Neither German agents here, but the proper au- The shortage is expected to be greatly particular worry.

The cutting of the cableit seems. It is in fact the second time to impossible to defer the new regis- He and 8 Others Whose Ship the remedial work amounts simply to men labor when performed for one's are now acting openly in collusion with that the submarines have done this and sending out a ship with special equip. country in time of war is worthy of any German officials.

rines during this last raid may be sum-

miles east of Nantucket August 11. Her our navy valuable hints as to the course were to pursue for the future, and it is prob- the Shipping Board announced to-day. able that within a reasonably short time of men between 18 and 45 was authorother survivors landed on the New
ted the deferred classes under the England coast four days later, after havmore efficient than they are now, but pany. Houston, Tex. and the rest at arrive this evening. present registration of men between 21 ing suffered severely from their experistrength from the main work of protectby the Kruse & Banks Shipbuilding Czecho-Siovak forces, in pointing out tohave assured the Ministry that the disling convoys and supplies.

Company at North Bend, Wash, and day the great odds his troops are facing, orders are abating.

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"Till You Come Over You'll Never Know"

THIS is a reference to smokes in a letter of eulogium of THE SUN Tobacco Fund by Private Robert B. Costello of Company K, 362d Infantry. He adds: "The New York SUN is a great friend to the boys in olive drab and each and every one is grateful to it."

That confirmed smoke fund fan Arthur Guy Empey, who has been going over the top in the woods for black bass, sends in a good big check to boost the fund. It is listed under new contributions on page 5.

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ATLANTIC CABLE Big Guns Make Way for Allies' Advance

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE FRONT, Aug. 19.—The Americans and French increased their grip on their holdings north of the Vesle River at several points early Monday morning by slight in-fantry advances. The manœu-vres were carried out without encountering any Germans. West of Bazoches the Germans sent out patrols, but these were pushed back by the Americans.

The French and Americans began operating on Sunday the biggest guns they have used since they reached the Vesle. These heavy guns are blazing away at the Aisne River region and beyond it, where aerial observers have reported that the Germans are concentrating supplies.

CALLS 1,000,000 UNSKILLED MEN

U. S. Labor Bureau Warns of Crisis in Keeping War Industries in Operation.

NEW YORK QUOTA 169,140

Priority Distribution Plan in Effect Since August 1 Proves Part Failure.

Special Despatch to Tax Sux makilled workers are needed in the war The assumption in some quarters here stated to-day, by officials of the Fedconcement is the first intimation that age of the country has reached such pro-

of the shells exploded and they did no thorities, it is understood, are alive to augmented by increasing the draft age vik leader, and Leon Trotzky, his War an official statement issued to-day. The they are making all along the front from the statement follows: not one of in all walks of life to volunteer their Kronstadt, ready to leave for Germany were quiet last night, but in the Yamashina prefecture, in the city of the main cables—is less important than services as common laborers in war

ment to pick the ends of the cable up man, whatever may be his prior position

Intimations here to-day were that men rhysically qualified for limited service have left Moscow for Petrograd. and not subject to exemption may be u. d to help overcome the labor short

CONTRACTS LET FOR 43 MORE VESSELS Mistake to Underestimate

33 to Be Wooden Freighters, 3,500 Tons Each.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Contracts for recond transport carrying American thirty-three wooden cargo vessels, each troops nrived at Vladivostok to-day.

Operations of the U-boats are giving our navy valuable hints as to the course to pursue for the future, and it is prob-

twenty torpedoes at the most, and ing Company of Baltimore and two by the Universal Company at Houston, Tex.

WARNS GERMANY OF RETREAT.

attempting to assure its public that given adequate support.

a general retreat is necessary on the Opinion on all sides appears to be that western front to allow Gen. Ludendorff the allied Governments are underexitroom to manœuvre and to assume the initiative on a vast scale, the newspa-pers report. A German retreat, the realize the necessity of actual warfare newspapers my, would be a direct re- against superior numbers suit of the recent allied successes. The In the absence of artillery the Brit newspapers assert that even if the ish have equipped two open freight cars Germans receive reenforcements from with guns from a cruiser and sent them Austria they have lost the power to command events, as Marsnal Foch has

the initiative and will keep it. German propaganda insist the Geritiative by forcing premature engagements on the American army and thus wearing it out before it is fully prepared. L'Homme Libre says that the American forces taking part in the Picardy offensive could not be compared firitish. It says that America soon will have a first class army in France and war on the Entente allied countries, that it will have airplanes which the Soviet officials have issued an appeal German aviators will have reason to

4 MORE SHIPS REACH SIBERIA WITH U.S. MEN

Believed to Carry 31st Infantry-Others Going From California.

CHINA SENDS BIG FORCE

Lenine and Trotzky Said to Be on Warship Ready to Sail for Germany.

Washington, Aug. 19 .- Four more ransports containing American troops presumably the Thirty-first Infantry com the Philippines have landed at

day. They will join troops of the Twenty-seventh Infantry already there and will be reenforced later by troops from the Eighth Division which were stationed at Camp Fremont, California. Chinese troops also are reaching the Siberian border, according to information reaching here to-day. Fearing a threatened invasion of Chinese derri-

tory by Austro-German war prisoners in Russia, who joined the Red Guard against the Czecho-Slovaks, the Pekin Government has sent a large force to he border. The American forces at Vladivostok under Gen, Graves will follow plans already drawn up tentatively by Gen Otani, the Japanese Commander in

Chief of the joint international forces. Gen. Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff. indicated last week American troops eral Employment Service. Their an- had been sent or were being sent to Russia proper, and it is assumed that these forces will operate in the Archangel area with the Allies. The news from Russia received at the

Service is considering appealing to men warship Aurora in the roadstead of tions are that "The Americans must know that 'com- both have lost much of their power and and burned several houses. Three po- of concern about the enemy's general fact that Gen. Humbert's men have al-

A reign of terror is said to be raging Boston, Aug. 19.—Capt. David Evans and splice it just as one splices a broken or experience," said Nathan A. Smyth, unabated in Petrograd. An official desassistant director of the employment patch to-day from Stockholm estimates On this point Mr. Baker was not quite of the British steamson remaining remaining of the British steamson remaining of the British steamson remaining re

Advices reaching here to-day stated present crisis, but they are now engaged that three special trains, carrying 500 are to the effect that the residences of tions" are always made under pressure. Morsain, just south of Audignicourt.

40.000 IN SIBERIAN **BOLSHEVIK ARMY**

Strength, Say Czechs.

VLADINOSTOK, Aug. 16 (delayed) -A WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Contracts for recond transport carrying American the market Eighteen of the wooden craft will be sge of seven and a half days from Ma- the rice riots, and there is an absence of nila. A third troopship is expected to complete news from the provinces.

Czecho-Slovak National Council, has left for Washington to sequaint Prof. T. G. Masaryk, the president of the council, with the situation. Fr. Spacer told the Enemy Press Tells People Luden-dorff Needs Room to Manœuvre.

Carrespondent that the Czecho-Slovaks will abide by the decision of Prof. Ma-saryk as to whether they shall proceed to France, which is their ambition, or PARIS. Aug. 19.—The German press is stay in Russia to fight the enemy i

AMSTERDAM. Aug. 19.—Telegraphing rated army camps of a marked increase from Petrograd the correspondent of the in the number of drug users among the ton, Ky., and Payetteville, N. C. were Further south the British have pushed Dusseldorf Nachrichten quotes the Russiolders caused an investigation to be named Camp Knox and Camp Bragg. to the edge of Roye, having captured the The Soviet Government will declare Devens, formerly a detective, was empered on the Entente allied countries, ployed.

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GERMANY TRIES TO ALIGN BRITAIN AGAINST AMERICA

New Peace Propaganda Wants European Powers to Join in Opposition to "Czar" Wilson's

Economic Plans.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN. Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. LONDON, Aug. 19 .- Undoubtedly inspired by the Berlin Foreign Office German newspapers are propagating the It continues: suggestion that the United States is taking the place of Great Britain as the chief obstacle to peace and in ousting he Central Powers from their place in the world's trade.

With high approval the Norddeutsche powers and the neutrals as well. This semi-official organ prints an article entitled "American Militarism and an American Peace." The paper says the American campaign is directed against

for peace. The paper devotes more than a column to extracts on the theme of America's growing influence in the war

tente had now to make a decision themselves both groups would be guided by the consideration that it was time to let diplomacy say a word; but the English and French are no longer inde Allgemeine Zeitung quotes the Vienna pendent of Czar Wilson, who is feeding press describing America's economic war them and clothing them and sending as a campaign against the Teutonic them money. Wilson is the real ob-

> Paris, Aug. 19.-German papers announce a great oratorical offensive, with a view to neutralizing the effects of re-

The Frankfurter Zeitung in a series of articles appeals to England in her three German Ministers will shortly be-Viadivostok, according to advices own supposed self-interest not to wait gin a tour of the country to "expose caching Secretary of War Baker to-

RAIDS REVEAL APPLY TORCH

Japanese Mob of 4,000 Attacks Forays Made From Sea to Stores and Burks Houses in Kofu.

SEVENTEEN

Twenty Buildings Destroyed in Russia Only Source of Renewal depth of nearly two miles. Hiroshima—Government to Seize Grain.

By IAs Associated Press State Department to-day continues to sons attacked stores and set fire to many reflect chaotic conditions in Moscow and | houses in the city of Kofo, capital of the

Tokio, Koba, Osaka and Nagova Kofu. 4.0 one soldier and thirteen

rioters were wounded . Twenty Houses Destroyed.

At Hiroshima mobs destroyed twenty houses. Mobs also damaged property in the Gifu and Fukushina prefectures and in the suburbs of Shi-

Advices received from the provinces German soldiers wearing Russian uni- several millionaires have been burned. forms, and the German Embassy staff, These reports say that the home of Solchiro Asano, president of the Toyo

> city have been ordered closed as a precautionary measure. An Imperial ordinance issued author-

statement issued to-day by Minister of

cellation of the order. The Constitute ductors of the London Country Council sector the German official report says tional party declares the order of the Street Car Service, which covers the Government is harmful because it sup- principal industrial districts; reports in the Oise and Aisne broke down with presses news of a national social move-ment vitally affecting the people.

GERMANS DRUG MEN supply the demand. The employees of fice, however, does admit heavy fight-IN U. S. ARMY CAMPS absence of omnibuses were late in reaching their work. Hundreds of bicycles

BOLSHEVIKI TO DECLARE WAR. Nathan Simulovitch and Jacob Scha- women to strike. nasky-were taken into custody at Officials Reported to Be Fleeing Brockton to-day, and more arrests are to Kronstadt Fortress.

to Kronstadt Fortress.

Reports by surgeons in widely sepa-

allies of all power to influence a decision "If the Central Powers and the En-

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

FOEISWORRIED

Switzerland to Learn Foch's Plans.

WOUNDED ALLIES GAIN STEADILY

for Dwindling German Man Power.

Special Cable Despatch to Tan Sex Paris, Aug. 19.—That the Germans re uneasy concerning Marshal Poch's Petrograd. Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshe- prefecture of Yamashina, according to plans is indicated by the numerous raids

> This is in sharp contrast to the cilied tactics, which seem to be to strike at well defined points and to act generally with a confidence that indicates a lack in other words, that whatever the enemy

losing ground is seen in their official re- Village is on the Noyon-Complegne ports. They call these losses "rectifica- road. ions of the front," but on this side of the line it is known that the "rectifica- line runs to the north of the village of continues to dwindle accumulates every a wide strip of valuable high ground day. Military men here do not believe thence to Nampcel, where the line bends Steamship Company, has been damaged, additions from Austria. These critics again to Pimprez, and Le Hamel, north The Governor of Tokio in a mani-see only one source of new man power of Ribecourt. In taking Le Hamel the festo issued yesterday urges the residents supply for Germany, and that is Russia. French advanced nearly two miles. the night. The theatres and the stores pro-Ally forces now at work in Russia prisoners.

and at the same time to gain the active support of the Bolsheviki the Kaiser's the French progress between the Oise ranks could easily be swelled by the and the Aime, especially to the capture addition of several hundred thousand of Audignicourt Ridge, which is regarded iges the Government to requisition all Germans and Austrians constituting the as the key to the German positi stocks of rice. The rice will be put on prisoner forces in Russia.

14.000 OUT IN LONDON Hundreds of Bicycles Are Being Used.

LONDON. Aug. 19.—Estimates placed

by the strike. Taxicabs were unable to were put into use.

Boston, Aug. 19 .- A concerted at- cating that the street car and omnibus tempt by German agents to supply sol-diers in the various army cantonments stone and other towns had stopped work. diers in the various army cantoninant with Lealth and character wrecking drugs has been discovered. Federal audrugs has been discovered. Federal authorities here said to-night. Two manufactures are station walking out. They declared their intention to induce other man retirements in this section have been so pronounced that the bend werthern so pronounced that the bend were some a specific property of the property

> New Artillery Camps Named. WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 - New field ar-

tillery camps to be located near Stithmade. In which a private at Camp in honor of Henry Knox, who was Com-Devens, formerly a detective, was em-ployed,

According to the Federal authorities ton Brags, who was a Confederate Genthe drugs were sold at surprisingly low eral after rendering valuable service pricts.

Advance Between Oise and Aisne Reaches Depth of Two Miles.

BIG GAIN IN FLANDERS

Prisoners Taken Since Sunday by Allies Now Total 2,876.

High Ground Occupied Threat-

ens Germans With Deadly

Crossfire.

COUNTER ATTACK FAILS

Special Cable Despatch to Tun Sin Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved LONDON, Aug. 19 .- Another phase of the great battle that has raged intermittently since July 15 has been started by Marshal Foch, who, retaining the initiative, has struck a blow between the Oise and the Aisne. This drive in connection with the opera ions around Lassigny and Noyon

The attack has been delivered at a vital point between the two rivers. endangering the Germans not only around Novon but also their hold on the line of the Aisne, east of Sols

threatens the German hold on the

Gen. Mangin, whose counter attack against the Germans between Solssons and Chateau Thierry started the German retreat from the Marne, has advanced on a nine mile front extending from Fontenoy, west of Soissons, almost to the line of the Oise north of Ribecourt, for an average

The high ground of Audignicour Ridge, which Gen. Mangin captured, along with some 2,000 prisoners, enables his gunners to deliver a flanking fire upon the Germans in both the Oise and the Aisne regions. The possession of Lassigny massif now becomes of supreme importance to the French. and unless the unexpected happens the retreat of the Germans on a big scale

will take place without delay. French at Lassigny.

That the French intend to improve The Allies go on the principle, ready reached the edge of Lassigny. attempts they will be able to checkmate The whole of Thiescourt Wood is now in their hands, as is the town of Pim-Proof that the Germans are steadily prez, further to the south. This latter

Northwest of Solssons the new French Evidence that the enemy's man power where the French are in possession of that the deficiency can be made good by back to the south slightly, then north If the Germans are able to defeat the these operations the French took 2,209

Great importance is attached here to

the Alsne Everything points to an immediate development of these gains. Marsha BUS AND CAR STRIKE vealed before the immediate objective is achieved, and that the French blow was delivered at a vital point there is

Gains Are Important.

the number of omnibus and street car the results of this success cannot the number of omnibus and street car fully appreciated unless taken in conjunction with the allied advance west of Lassigny and near Roye. The des perate resistance offered by the German machine gunners shows how muc: importance the Germans attached to this strip of ground.

With reference to the fighting in this the Oise and Aisne broke down with ment vitally affecting the people.

It is the general impression here that the rice question has become political.

It is the general impression here that the rice question has become political said to have not been affected.

This obviously emphasizes the desperate nature of the German situation at home, and The public was greatly inconvenienced shows the higher command's fear of ing on this front.

work. Hundreds of bicycles been active the British in the north have While the French to the south have Two Arrests in Attempt to Destroy Recruits' Health.

Although the Transport Workers Federation has not declared a national were made in the face of opposition.

Strike reports were received this afternoon by the local union officials indinoon by the local union officials indinothing. Under British attacks and German voluntary retirements the Lye salient has almost disappeared. West of Armentieres the enemy has retreated ward in the German line between Yores and La Bussee has almost disappeared.

British Reach Roye.

rallway station in the western outskirts of that town. The British have taken Brax- | 676 prisoners,

All along the line the German defence is slowly crumbling under the